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Letter Of Thanks

The Appomattox Jr. Woman's Club would like to thank everyone who came out and supported Saturday night's Little League Basketball Benefit games. The support of the faithful fans, coaches, officials and last but certainly not least, the players who displayed an excellent performance of basketball play made this project a success.

Proceeds from these games will pay for a campership fee awarded to an Appomattox County youth for a four week speech therapy session to be held in June of this summer at Camp Easter Seal West. Receipts amounted to $262 which will pay for the $250 campership fee and canteen expenses.

A "special thanks" to the following merchants for their generous donations and part in making these games successful: Moses Motor Company for certificates; Times-Virginian Printing Corp. for programs; Wilbun's Market for chips for concession; King's Market for ice and cups for concession; Lawson Ford for drinks for concession; J. & W Sales Company, drinks for players; Dairy Queen for gift certificates to losing team players and the Pizza Hut for a free pizza to winning team players.

We would also like to thank WTTX Station and Vic Reynolds, their announcer for their concentrated publicity and free broadcasting of the first game. Thanks are also extended to Mr. Sam Crews for his donation of custodial services that night.

The success of these games can be afforded to the support and donations of all the above-mentioned.

Thank You,
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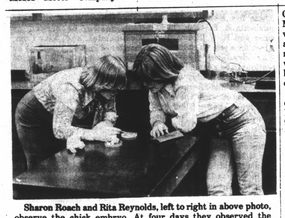

Sharon Roach and Rita Reynolds, left to right in above photo, observe the chick embryo. At four days they observed the heartbeat using the bioscope in the Biology laboratory.

Second Annual Science Fair Planned

The Second Annual Science Fair at Appomattox County High School will be held March 10 and 11 in the cafeteria.

Students from the Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes are involved in this activity. Their projects include categories established for grouping and judging, namely: Invertebrate Zoology, Biochemistry, Botany, Human Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology.

Each competitor will enter his own independent research, displayed in a limited space, along with an abstract of not more than three hundred words.

Judges will be Mr. Robert Jenderwski, Mr. Perry McCraw, Mr. Robert Hart and Dr. Marvin Scott. Each participant will be scored on creative ability, scientific thought, cleanness, dramatic quality. There will be first, second, third and honorable mention winners in each category.

The public is invited to view exhibits Saturday morning, March 11, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Winners will be announced at this time.

Eighteen of the winners will be eligible to compete for district honors at the First Annual Central Virginia Regional Science Fair on April 15 at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg.

The two top winners of this event will go to the International Science and Engineering Fair in Anaheim, California, along with their teacher sponsors, on May 9-14.

The objectives of the Science Fairs are to encourage scientific experimentation, encourage the use of scientific aptitude and to offer public recognition of scientific talent.

Virginia Energy News

The Virginia Energy Office has obtained the assistance of R2-D2, the electronic superstar of "Star Wars," to encourage Virginians to save money by saving energy.

In three 30-second television public service announcements produced in Hollywood, R2-D2 offers energy/money saving tips such as dimming lights, tightening faucets, and cleaning refrigerator coils to demonstrate the series' theme -- "It doesn't take much energy to save energy."

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Reducing energy consumption in the home has been a major emphasis of the Virginia Energy Office. The assistance of a popular figure such as R2-D2 will increase Virginia's capability to meet the President's goal of reducing the State's share of the use of energy by five per cent by 1980.

George Lucas, Director of "Star Wars," Twentieth Century-Fox, producer of the movie, and the New York Alliance to Save Energy, Inc. made the series available to the Virinia Energy Office at minimal cost.

The Virginia Energy Office plans more educational type public service announcements in the future to increase the effectiveness of the Office's "Home Energy Cost-Cutting Clinic" program, a series of statewide energy conservation clinics acclaimed by the U. S. Department of Energy as the best program of its type in the country.

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The Pastor Speaks

This is the second in the series on prayer. Last week we discussed the "why" of prayer. This week we are going to look at the "how". We know the urgency involved in learning how. Our Lord minced no words about our need for prayer: We must pray or faint. It presses us to learn how. We are not talking about difficulty in praying in public, nor the fact that we have difficulty putting words together in a beautiful manner, with a pleasing rythmn. No, the essentials of prayer are not words, but our attitudes. Read Luke 18:9-14. This is a classic illustration of both the "how to" of prayer, and the nature of prayer. We laugh at that Pharisee but we learn from him, too. It is not prayer to approach God impressed with our virtues,as that Pharisee did.Yet, when we pray, "Lord help me do this task" or whatever we are saying in effect, "I Lord,will contribute my leadership, my talent, my abilities(or whatever) and you pour on it your Spirit Magic so it will work out." We all suffer from the spirit of self-worship to some degree. We believe that it is our abilities and so forth that really do the job and that we are willing to contribute them if God will do his part.

On the other hand sometimes we try to impress God, in our prayer, with our humility. We confess our sin and list them proving our ability to look at ourselves straight on.

The truth is, when we pray we really take nothing into the presence of God. No virtues, no earned credits, no good-behavior point. We come as beggars. Prayer is easy and natural when one recognizes the One to whom the prayer is addressed. If we pray to our Creator, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, then we see it is His Grace that even allows us to speak at all. Anything else is really prayer to one's own self. More on this "How-to" next week.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

PENTECOST ANYONE?

Lesson for March 12, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 2
Devotional Reading: Acts 2:16-21.

"Will Pentecost ever happen again?"

This question was asked by a youthful member of one of my confirmation classes several years ago. Actually, the question is hardly one that is limited to the youth generation. Lots of people have wondered whether Pentecost was intended to be "once-and-done," or a continuing phenomenon in the life of the church.

Rev. Althouse

They were "all together"

I have often wondered whether the first Pentecost could have happened if the church then had been of the same mind and heart that exists within it today. In those days, for example, it was possible for them to assemble "all together in one place." Even apart from the considerations of numbers today, that would be a considerable challenge for us today for the chances of us agreeing to be "all together in one place" are not very great.

Even more importantly, however, I think it would be difficult to have another Pentecost today because many Christians would probably look with disdain upon any kind of event in which there would be a demonstration of religious enthusiasm. We seem naturally suspicious of anyone who is enthusiastic about their religion. I can imagine the debates by the theologians and the dogmatists who would seriously question whether such a blatant display of power would be appropriate. A good many church people today seem to think that there is something vulgar in displaying spiritual power. At the same time it is obvious from the New Testament that neither Jesus nor his disciples shared those concerns. Although the miracles were never vulgar or crass, Jesus and his disciples knew and used the power of signs and wonders for the sake of the kingdom.

A promise for all

Another roadblock that Pentecost might experience today would be in the matter of religious credentials. Each denomination would want to be quite certain that the leaders were properly certified and the lay people accredited in some fashion. After all, we can't have the wrong people displaying the power of the Holy Spirit! There would be creedal tests so that different denominational groups would be quite certain that it was "safe" to share this with another group outside its own ecclesiastical structure. Some groups would probably refuse to participate due to the presence of other groups whose doctrinal orthodoxy was suspect.

The end result would probably be a commitment to "study" the whole matter. And there, quite possibly, the whole matter would simply end in failure to agree on the essentials of the experience. Pentacost, like so many other worthwhile things, would "die in committee."

But maybe the picture I've drawn above is too dark, too pessimistic. Maybe it can still happen today. All right, let's see.

Pentacost anyone?

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Appomattox County 4-Her's Speak!

The Annual County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, sponsored by Farmers National Bank, was held March 1, 1978, at the Appomattox County Elementary School Auditorium. Forty-nine 4-H'ers participated in the events, whose ages ranged from 9 to 16.

4-H Public Speaking gives youngsters the opportunity to express themselves formally with an audience present.

Ribbons were awarded to each participant and trophies to the winning boy and girl in each category.

Top winners in each category and their topics were:

4th Grade - Janet Smith, "The Panama Canal"; Brett Marston, "Little League Baseball".

5th Grade - Suzette Ranson, "Is Having a Twin Sister Special"; Michael Roach, "What Is Wrong With America"

6th Grade - Tambra Hamlet, "The Valley of Virginia"; Mike McCoy, "The Life of Abraham Lincoln"

7th and 8th Grade - Jane Guill, "Our Nation's Destroyer"; Blair Smith, Citizenship"

Seniors - Tamara Nash, "All Aboard the Skateboard"; David Caldwell, "The Panama Canal".

Others who participated and their tropics were:

4th Grade Girls - Janice Foster, "Saving Energy"; Cheryl Austin, "A Rewarding Lesson"; Shelia Mullins, "Man's Best Friend"; Susan Booker, "Pocohantas' Life"; Kelly Nevelle, "A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned."

4th Grade Boys - Billy Carter, "Special Effects in Filming Motion Pictures"; Darren Tolley, "Hokie, Hokie, Hokie, Hi"; Lee Drinkard, "Tomorrow in Space"; Darrell Conner, "World Record Broken."

5th Grade Girls - Sally Coleman, "Angus Cattle"; Shelly Gentry, "Indians"; Leslie Ranson, "The World of Music"; Norma Richardson, "A Stitch in Time."

5th Grade Boys - Steven Drinkard, "Why I Like to Live on a Farm"; Billy Caldwell, "Virginia."

6th Grade Girls - Brenda LeWarne, "4-H Camp"; Janice Abernathy, "How I Feel About Going to the Dentist"; Vivian Seay, "How a Bill Becomes a Law"; Karen Stevens, "The Dogwood"; Maria King, "Virginia is."

6th Grade Boys - Tony Chandler, "Elvis - King of Rock and Roll"; Timmy Almond, "Virginia's Man Made Wonder"; Bobby Carter, "My Chosen Career."

7th and 8th Grade Girls - Laura Walton, "Fiber to Fashion"; Ruby Smith, "The Whooping Crane's Future - Encouraging, Not Secure"; Laurie Cowan, "A Close Encounter with Science Fiction"; Elizabeth Coffey, "A Card for Every Occasion."

7th and 8th Grade Boys - Carrell Almond, "Adolph Hitler"; Charles Womack, "Hubert Humphrey - An American Original."

Senior Girls - Cheryl Adams, "World Peace - or World in Pieces"; Rhonda Nash, "Protect Tomorrow's Children"; Kathy Lewis, "They Kill for Kicks"; Susan Shorter, "The Confederate Legend"; Laurie McLean, "You Can Make It Happen"; Cheryl Walton, "Consumer Rights"; Lisa Moore, "Television Censorship"; Dana White, "Our Dirty, Dirty Air."

Senior Boys - Allen Smith, "Yesterday and Today"; Ernie Chenault, "Parity - What Is It."

All county 4-H'ers are to be congratulated for their participation. 4-H'ers also thank Farmers National Bank for sponsoring the event.

STONEWALL

"Have faith in God." Mark 11:22

Mrs. Verna Herndon had her brother and his wife for the week end. So nice to have them at Hebron Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Braford was taken back to McGuire Hospital Monday. He was ill over the week end. His family was called early Saturday morning.

Mr. Crawford Davidson is improving slowly.

Mrs. John Ewers has a cold.

Mr. Wilson Garrett, who has been working at Norton, came home Tuesday. He is working in Lynchburg now.

Mrs. John Ewers got a good report on her eyes last Tuesday but will not have to go back for three months. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ewers and Mrs. Wilson Garrett took her.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Elliott left Saturday for Hemit, Calif., for a two week visit.

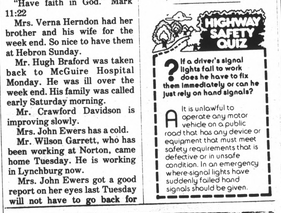
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilbert went to see his mother Sunday at Buena Vista, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Kathy and Richard visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stratton are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday.

Mrs. Jimmy Braford had her parents to visit her Sunday.

Mrs. Sara Holden, of Madison, Wis., came Sunday to be with her father, Mr. Hugh Braford.


Highway Safety Quiz
If a driver's signal lights fail to work does he have to fix them immediately or can he just rely on hand signals?
A It is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle on a public road that has only device or equipment that must meet safety requirements that is defective or in unsafe condition. In an emergency where signal lights have suddenly failed hand signals should be given.

THE SNOW "CREATURE" shown in above photo was built Friday by Wes and Kim Crabtree and Walker Covington. The ten-foot snow "creature" took about two hours to mold and has attracted a great deal of attention. The six to seven inch accumulation of snow Thursday night and Friday caused the closing of public schools and this proved to be a great way to spend some time.

COURT OF HONOR DECORATES BULLETIN BOARD AT COUNTY LIBRARY

On February 10, 1978 the Court of Honor of Junior Girl Scout Troop #322 decorated the bulletin board in the children's section at the Appomattox County Library. There were seven people who helped decorate it. There was Jan Armentrout, Jeannice Bartell, Cindy Clark, Jo Ann Jamerson, Kim Hancock, Tracey Trent and Sandy Walton. This was a service project.

by Jan Armentrout

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